

NEW NEBRASKA LEGISLATORS

Pen Sketches of the Men Who Will Make the State's Laws.

ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE OF THEM

Senators and Representatives-Elect Who Have Led Eventful Lives-Some Won Distinction on the Field of Battle-Interesting Records.

The Bee presents herewith sketches of the members-elect of the state legislature, which assemble at Lincoln one week from tomorrow.

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REPRESENTS FOUR COUNTIES.

William M. Gray, from the district comprising Adams county, the fifth district, is also a second term, having served with credit to his constituents at the last session. He is a native of Pennsylvania, having been born near Philadelphia in 1847. He was a resident of Adams county for thirteen years and was engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was compelled to leave this profession for a more active out-of-door life and became a farmer. He was elected in 1884 and engaged in farming. He owns a well cultivated half-section of choice farming land and is as good a farmer as he is a politician. He is a member of the Farmers' Alliance and is a strong independent.

LEOPOLD KNOWS THE ROPES.

Leopold Hahn will serve his second term in the legislature. He was elected to the legislature in 1892 and was elected to the state senate in 1894. He is a native of Germany and has been a resident of Adams county for many years. He has been a successful farmer and has been a member of the Farmers' Alliance. He is a strong independent.

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FROM STROMSTADT TO THE SENATE.

F. M. Rathbun, state senator from the Twenty-ninth district, comprising Franklin and Furnas counties, is to serve his first term in the legislature at the coming session. He was born in the little town of Stromstad, in De Kalb county, Ga. After obtaining a common school education in Indiana he removed to Illinois, where he remained for five years with the Hoy Bros. Manufacturing company. He afterwards entered Knox college at Galesburg, Ill., where he pursued his studies until he graduated with high honors. He came to Nebraska in 1870 and became a farmer. He has always been a leading farmer of his county.

ONE OF NEBRASKA'S SONS.

Sherman Saunders, senator-elect from the Eighth district, is a native of Nebraska, and was born in the town of Fremont, in Adams county, in 1854. He was born at Helena, Cedar county, Neb., in August, 1854. After obtaining such an education afforded by the common schools he attended at the college, where he received his diploma. For the past four years he has been cashier of the Farmers and Merchants State bank at Bloomfield, Knox county. Mr. Saunders represents the farmers and has always been a senatorial candidate in his district.

BELIEVES IN FILLMORE COUNTY.

Charles H. Sloan is to represent the Twenty-fourth senatorial district, comprising the counties of Fillmore and York, at the coming legislature. He is a young man, having been born May 2, 1863, near Monticello, Ia. After finishing a course in the public schools he completed his education at that well and favorably known institution, the Iowa State Agricultural college, at Ames, and it is no discredit to him to say that he paid his expenses for the last two years and all his expenses at college by working at manual labor a part of each day. As soon as he finished his course he secured the principalship of the public schools at Fairmount in this state, holding the position for two years and then he came to Nebraska to study the law at the same time. He was admitted to the bar at the end of three years in 1890 and was made county attorney of Fillmore county in 1892.

IS A NATIVE OF MISSOURI.

W. H. Hall, republican senator from the Tenth senatorial district, will represent the people of Dodge and Washington counties in the next session. He is a native of Missouri and was born on April 17, 1850, at Scottsville, Sullivan county. When he was 13 years of age his parents moved to Illinois, where he lived in Cole and Adams counties for two years. He was born in Virginia two years ago, and has since resided in Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

A GOOD ORGANIZER.

Richard Smiley, republican county's trio of senators, is a native of Canada and is 47 years old. He went with his father to Milwaukee in 1858, when he returned to Canada and remained there for two years and of which time he took a position as driver on the Erie canal. He then learned the plasterer's trade. Going to Chicago in 1861, he was engaged in business as a contractor and builder until 1864, when he came to Omaha to follow the same line of business. He has always been an active republican and was chairman of the city central committee in 1891 and later served as a political organizer, being successful in securing the election of George P. Bemis for mayor by a plurality of about 4,000. Mr. Smiley has always been active in connection with laboring men of all classes and has been a member of the Omaha Trades and Laborers' union since its organization. He was the principal mover in introducing the system of arbitration into the Omaha Trades and Laborers' union.

WIELDS THE SCHUYLER QUILL.

John C. Sprecher, senator-elect from Colfax county, will be one of the notable figures in the next session. He is the editor of the Schuyler Quill, and has been a resident of Colfax county since 1864. He is 38 years old, of German descent and was born in the state of Illinois. He has been a teacher in Colfax county and at the age of 16 was himself a teacher for six years, part of the time being in charge of one of the best schools in Schuyler. In 1886 he first formed the idea of entering the newspaper field, and being disappointed in his purpose of buying an interest in the Schuyler Quill, he started a new paper, the Quill. He was confronted with the usual obstacle in the path of the average newspaper man—a lack of funds; but, on energetic nature, he succeeded in raising a personal canvass of Colfax county, he secured a pretty fair subscription list and began to publish the Quill on the 1st of June, 1887. Since that time he has not had a day's interruption. He has since that time been a successful newspaper man. Mr. Sprecher is recognized as one of the leading members of the populist party in Nebraska.

PROMINENT IN CHURCH WORK.

William Steuffer, senator-elect from Cummings county, is of German descent and was born in the state of Wisconsin in 1847. He has been a resident of Cummings county since 1883 and has had a successful business career, being the president of the West Omaha National bank since its organization. Although this is to be his first year in the legislature he has for many years occupied positions requiring the exercise of good ability. His first office was that of county clerk. For fifteen years he has been a member of the Board of Education at West Omaha and is still president of that organization. He also served as chairman of the town board and afterward as chairman of the West Point. For twenty-five years he has been a trustee in the German Lutheran church. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the common schools of his district and possesses the confidence of all his constituents.

THIRD TERM AS A POPULIST.

H. G. Stewart was one of the leading members of the senate on the populist side of the question at the last session. He is now and will be leader among the small handful of independent senators at the coming session. He was born in the state of Wisconsin in 1854 and spent his early years on a farm. After removing to Nebraska in 1875 he resided in Nance county for six years, then he moved to St. Louis, Mo., where he still makes his home and is a farmer all his life and a successful one. In politics Senator Stewart was a republican until about ten years ago, when he became a republican politician and assumed an attitude independent of all parties. He was one of the leaders in the farmers alliance movement and was for many years vice president of the state organization.

ALWAYS A LEADING REPUBLICAN.

Orlando Tefft of Cass county has been a familiar figure in Nebraska politics a great many years. He is a native of Illinois, being born at Elgin in 1843. He is a man of excellent education. He came to Nebraska in the territorial days with his parents. In 1857 he purchased a farm and remained there until he came to the state in 1870, when he moved to Cass county. He has been a prominent citizen. He has been prominently associated with the republican party since its first meeting as a delegate to the state and national conventions and was elected to the senate in 1878 and 1880. He was re-elected in 1882 and 1884. He was elected to the legislature from Otoe county in 1887. In 1888 he was elected to the legislature from Otoe county in 1887. He was elected to the legislature from Otoe county in 1887. He was elected to the legislature from Otoe county in 1887.

A WELL MERITED PROMOTION.

John C. McKesson, senator-elect from Lancaster county, was born in Buena Vista, Ill., on December 13, 1838. Immediately after the war he came to Nebraska and resided in Kansas, he came to Nebraska, settling in Richardson county. He has lived in Nebraska ever since it was admitted into the union. He was a member of the common school education he entered the Nebraska State university and studied there for six years, passing through all the classes to the highest grade. He has since that time in the meantime he embraced the field of journalism, joining with Colonel Hyde in founding the Omaha Daily News, his labors on that paper making it one of the best of the state. He was elected to the legislature in 1887 and was re-elected in 1890. He was elected to the legislature in 1887 and was re-elected in 1890. He was elected to the legislature in 1887 and was re-elected in 1890.

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NEVER DABBLED IN POLITICS.

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A FINE MAN-OF-BUSINESS.

J. J. Bernard, Pawnee county's representative in the legislature, is a man of business. He was born in the state of Ohio and came to Nebraska in 1870. He has been a successful business man and has been a member of the legislature since 1892. He was elected to the legislature in 1892. He was elected to the legislature in 1892.

AN EXTENSIVE LAND OWNER.

John Brady, one of Buffalo county's new members, has been a resident of the city of Kansas since 1856. He was born on a farm in Columbia county, Mo., in 1836. He is now 58 years of age. He is one of the self-made men of this state, as he spent the first part of his life on a farm, obtaining only such education as he could get at the village schools. He worked his way through the Wisconsin State university at Madison, Wis., and has since that time devoted to study. After leaving the university he turned his attention to education.

born at Rochester, N. Y., on December 10, 1840, and during the greater part of his life has been a resident of Nebraska. He was a member of the Michigan legislature in 1861, and from that state to Montana, where he "roughed" it in the territory for six years. He first became a resident of Nebraska in 1864. He was a member of the Nebraska legislature in 1870 and 1872. He was a member of the Nebraska legislature in 1870 and 1872. He was a member of the Nebraska legislature in 1870 and 1872.

USED TO INSTRUCT SIBYRIANS.

James Allan of Douglas county was born in Scotland in 1854, and came to America when but 5 years of age, his parents coming directly to Nebraska and locating on a farm near Lincoln. He was educated in the public schools of that city and followed the profession of a teacher for four years and has been one of the workers in that line for years. He came to Omaha twelve years ago. He worked on the Omaha and Great Northern railroad and was for three years sidewalk inspector, and was afterwards foreman under Street Commissioner Balcomb.

WAS A FARMER.

William Ashby, republican representative from Clay county, was born in Champlain, Ill., April 15, 1857. He was fortunate in being able to secure a liberal education. He was educated at the coming session in 1882. He entered the University of Illinois the same year and rose high in his classes. In 1884 he was obliged to leave the university and returned to his home in his parents to Nebraska. He has made farming his profession ever since coming to this state, with the exception of having taught a few terms of school.

ANOTHER FIRST TERMER.

Frank Bacon is one of the deservedly popular republicans of Dawson county and this fact accounts for his election to the legislature in 1892. He is one of the acknowledged republican leaders in his county and is a hard worker for his party. His election to the legislature is a credit to his party and his services to the people of his county.

A TAX EQUALIZER.

Mr. Patrick H. Barry, who served in the last legislature and took an active part in the impeachment proceedings, was born in Ireland and came to America in 1849, locating in Boston. He received his education in the common schools of that city and in 1861 he joined the union army, enlisting in company E, Third regiment, of Thomas Traver's Meagher Irish brigade and served in the battles of Antietam, under General Fremont, and later under General Mountain and Antietam. He was wounded in the leg at the battle of Antietam and disabled from service for several months. He was discharged in 1864 and returned to his home in Massachusetts. He was elected to the legislature in 1892.

WAS IN MANY BATTLES.

Edward C. Burns, republican member of the lower house from Dodge county, has a record equalled by few of his fellow members. He is a native of New York state, having been born in Ontario county, N. Y., in 1830. He was a member of the army and served in the battles of Bull Run and on the Peninsula. He was also at Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Layne's and the battle of Gettysburg. He was among the prisoners captured on the Peninsula by rebel forces, but was exchanged after being held twenty-two days. He participated in the battle of Gettysburg in 1863, and in November of that year was again taken prisoner at Mine Run, Va., and held in the Libby prison camp for several months. He was sent to that rebel hell, Andersonville, where he was held for nearly a year longer, when he was paroled and returned to his home in New York. He came to Nebraska and located in Cummings county. He lived on a farm until 1887, when he moved to Omaha. He is a republican of the staunch kind.

OLD SETTLER HONORED.

David W. Burke, the republican candidate for representative from Cummings county, is one of the earliest settlers in that county. He has been a resident of that county since 1847. He was born in Lancaster county, Mo., on April 12, 1837. He received his education in the common schools of the Buckeye state, and was a member of the army, serving in the Forty-third Ohio infantry, serving under General Pope. He was elected to the senate in 1892. He was elected to the senate in 1892. He was elected to the senate in 1892.

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FROM HAMILTON COUNTY.

J. B. Cain, republican-elect from Hamilton county, served through the session two terms in the legislature. He has had much valuable experience. He is a staunch republican. By profession he is a lawyer and enjoys a lucrative practice at his home at Hamilton, Mo. He was born in Hamilton county, Mo., in 1847. He was born in Hamilton county, Mo., in 1847. He was born in Hamilton county, Mo., in 1847.

A REPRESENTATIVE FARMER.

Robert W. Campbell is a representative farmer of Merrick county, and by that token is well qualified to be a representative of that county in the legislature. He has been a resident of Merrick county for many years and has always been a true and ardent republican.

A LEADING SWED.

Oscar Carlson, Kearney's representative-elect, was born in Sweden in 1850 and lived in his native country until 1870, when he came to America and settled on a farm in Henderson county, Illinois. In 1879 he came to Nebraska and bought a farm in Kearney county, where he has lived ever since and has one of the finest 240-acre farms in that county. He is accounted one of the best farmers in the county. He has a wife and six children. Mr. Carlson has studied the English language with great care and is able to read and write it far better than many native-born Americans. He is a man of great integrity and is highly esteemed by all who know him.

HAS HAD AN EVENTFUL CAREER.

Charles D. Casper is one of the democrats who succeeded in securing an election to the legislature in the recent republican tidal wave in this state. He has been a prominent figure in Nebraska politics for a great many years, having always been one of the leading anti-monopoly democrats of the state. He is the editor and proprietor of the Burlington Press, published at Burlington, Mo., and is a member of the Council